

**IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 66.2: INFORMATION FROM  
DEVELOPED COUNTRY MEMBERS**

Addendum

JAPAN

The present document reproduces the information on the implementation of Article 66.2 of the TRIPS Agreement, which has been received from the Permanent Mission of Japan by means of a communication, dated 13 April 1999.

The Government of Japan has been conducting development cooperation activities in many fields including intellectual property. Some of our activities have been already reported in the context of technical cooperation activities at the TRIPS Council (IP/C/W/109/Add.2). Of course, one of the most important objectives of the cooperation activities is promoting and encouraging technology transfer.

With regard to the incentives Japan provides to enterprises and institutions in our country, the Government of Japan will report on the following activities. The Government of Japan believes that those activities will contribute to raising the level of technological infrastructure in the least-developed countries, which will bring about further technological transfer.

It is possible that employees in enterprises or institutions are dispatched to the countries concerned keeping their status in their organizations. Under certain circumstances, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) will bear the personnel expenses so as to facilitate the dispatch of competent experts.

1. Dispatching experts

The JICA, a special-status public corporation established in 1974, dispatches experts in order for them to engage in technical cooperation activities, including technical advice and guidance, mainly in governmental organizations.

2. Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV)

Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) is administered by its secretariat within the JICA and constitutes a major branch of JICA activities.

The objective of JOCV is "to promote and assist the overseas activities of youths whose purpose is to cooperate, in unity with the people of developing areas, in the economic and social development of those areas". The JOCV volunteers are sent on assignments on the basis of specific requests from each developing country.

The JOCV activities are of many types, divided into over 150 categories, including agricultural or civil engineering, maintenance, and processing. The JOCV members are sent to countries all over the world, though a particularly large number are found working in Asian and African countries.

3. The number of persons dispatched before and after the entry into force of the TRIPS Agreement is as follows:

	Dispatched experts	Dispatched JOCV members
1990	2506	695
1991	2571	974
1992	2727	939
1993	2969	1025
1994	3039	1130
1995	3098	1203
1996	3059	1048
1997	3050	1153

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